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19	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION		
20	DIANNA JOU and JAYNRY YOUNG,		3-cv-03075-JSC
21	on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,	JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT	
22	Plaintiffs,		
23	V.	Date:	November 21, 2013
24	KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION; KIMBERLY-	Time: Place:	9:00 a.m. Courtroom F, 15th Floor
25	CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC.,	Judge:	Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley
26	KIMBERLY-CLARK GLOBAL SALES, LLC; and DOES 1-5.	Complaint Fi	3
27	Defendants.		
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Plaintiffs Dianna Jou and Jaynry Young (together, "Plaintiffs"), and Defendants Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., and Kimberly-Clark Global Sales, LLC (collectively, "Defendants"), jointly submit the following Case Management Statement, pursuant to this Court's Order Setting Initial Case Management Conference and ADR Deadlines (Dkt. 5).

## 1. Jurisdiction and Service:

(a) Subject Matter Jurisdiction: Plaintiffs allege this Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the above-captioned action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d). Plaintiffs allege there are at least 100 members in the proposed plaintiff class, a member of the plaintiff class is a citizen of a State different from the State of citizenship of a defendant, and the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

Defendants challenge Plaintiffs' standing under both Article III and California's consumer protection statutes, and, as a result, this Court's subject matter jurisdiction. Those arguments are raised in Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint or, in the Alternative, Motion to Strike (referred herein as the "Motion to Dismiss") and supporting papers, filed on September 17, 2013. (Dkt. Nos. 8–10.)

- **(b) Personal Jurisdiction and Venue:** This Court has personal jurisdiction over the parties in this case because Plaintiffs are California citizens and chose to file suit in this forum and because Defendants have consented to the personal jurisdiction of this Court. No issues exist with respect to personal jurisdiction or venue.
- **Service:** Defendants have waived service of process. (Dkt. 7.) No parties remain to be served.
- 2. Facts: Plaintiffs Dianna Jou and Jaynry Young, both of whom are consumers residing in California, filed the Complaint in the above-captioned action on July 3, 2013. (Dkt. 1-1.) Plaintiffs allege they purchased Defendants' Huggies® Pure & Natural Diapers and Huggies® Natural Care Baby Wipes (collectively, the "Products"), which Defendants manufacture, market, and distribute to retailers nationwide for sale to consumers. Plaintiffs allege

Defendants represent that the Products are natural, environmentally sound, and safer alternatives to traditional diapers and wipes, including traditional Huggies® brand diapers and wipes. Additionally, Plaintiffs allege Defendants represent Huggies® Pure & Natural Diapers as a pure and organic alternative to traditional diapers. However, according to Plaintiffs, these representations are untrue. Plaintiffs allege that these deceptive representations have caused injury to Plaintiffs and the proposed class. Based on the foregoing allegations, Plaintiffs assert claims for: (1) violation of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Civ. Code § 1750 et seq. (the "CLRA"); (2) violation of the False Advertising Law, Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 et seq. (the "FAL"); (3) violation of the Environmental Marketing Claims Act, Bus. & Prof. Code § 17580 et seq.; (4) violation of the Unfair Competition Law, Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. (the "UCL"); and (5) violation of the Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Wis. Stat. § 100.18.

Factual issues in dispute include whether Defendants misrepresented and/or failed to disclose material facts concerning Huggies® Pure & Natural Diapers and Huggies® Natural Care Baby Wipes; whether Defendants' conduct was unfair and/or deceptive; whether Defendants have been unjustly enriched as a result of the unlawful, fraudulent, and unfair conduct alleged in the Complaint, such that it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain the benefits conferred upon Defendants by Plaintiffs and the class members; and whether Plaintiffs and the class members have sustained damages with respect to the statutory claims asserted, and if so, whether damages are properly limited to initial product purchases.

3. Legal Issues: The legal issues involved in this case include: whether all of Plaintiffs' claims are fraud-based; whether Plaintiffs plead fraud with the particularity Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 9(b) requires; whether it is plausible that the Product packaging could lead a reasonable consumer to believe the Products are made entirely of natural material; whether Plaintiffs have Article III and statutory standing to seek restitution; whether Plaintiffs have standing for injunctive relief; whether a nationwide class can assert claims under the Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act; and whether Plaintiffs can represent a nationwide class governed by Wisconsin law.

**4. Motions:** On September 17, 2013, Defendants filed their Motion to Dismiss. (Dkt. 8.) Through stipulation by the parties, the Motion schedule was extended so Plaintiffs have until October 22, 2013 to file their Response and Defendants have until November 11, 2013 to file a Reply. (Dkt. 22.) The Hearing date for the Motion is set for November 21, 2013. (*Id.*)

Plaintiffs anticipate filing a motion for class certification at the appropriate time.

As discussed in the Motion to Dismiss, although Plaintiffs have named Kimberly-Clark Corporation and Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. as co-defendants, Defendants believe those entities are improper parties to this suit. (Dkt. 8 at 1 n.1.) If necessary, counsel for Defendants will move to dismiss the wrongly served parties at a later date.

- **5. Amendment of Pleadings:** Plaintiffs expect to add parties if discovery reveals the identities of the "Does #1-5" defendants who, along with the identified Defendants, Plaintiffs believe to be responsible for the manufacture, marketing, and/or distribution of the Products.
- 6. Evidence Preservation: Plaintiffs have taken steps to preserve evidence relevant to this action, including collecting documents in their possession and saving electronic documents. Additionally, on April 5, 2013, Plaintiffs sent to Defendants a letter reminding Defendants of their document and electronically stored information preservation requirements.

Defendants are using their best efforts to preserve any electronically stored information in their possession concerning the labeling of Huggies® Pure & Natural Diapers and Huggies® Natural Care Baby Wipes and the allegations contained in the Complaint. Defendants believe that production of documents and electronically stored information should not take place before Defendants' pending Motion to Dismiss is resolved.

- **7. Disclosures:** On September 19, 2013, the parties held a conference pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f). On October 3, 2013, the parties conferred about additional discovery matters and exchanged initial disclosures pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1).
- **8. Discovery:** Discovery has not yet commenced, and the Court has not set any discovery deadlines. Plaintiffs anticipate discovery on all relevant issues identified in the Complaint. The parties do not propose any limitations or modifications to the discovery rules.

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Defendants, however, believe that discovery should be stayed pending the Court's resolution of the Motion to Dismiss, which will be heard on November 21, 2013. Defendants expect to take the depositions of the named plaintiffs in this action and to seek documents referencing their alleged purchases of Huggies® Pure & Natural Diapers and Huggies® Natural Care Baby Wipes. Defendants have not determined what additional discovery will be necessary if this case progresses.

At this early stage of the litigation, the parties have not discussed a protocol for the production of certain electronically stored information. The parties will consider the option of a stipulated e-discovery order at an appropriate time. The parties also anticipate seeking entry of a stipulated protective order governing the disclosure and use of Defendants' confidential and proprietary business information.

9. Class Actions: Plaintiffs propose that they file a motion for class certification pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 after conducting appropriate discovery.

Defendants contend that numerous individualized issues will prevent class certification in the event this action is not dismissed on the pleadings. In their Motion to Dismiss, Defendants also moved to dismiss and/or strike Plaintiffs' proposed nationwide class on the grounds that the claims of the putative class representatives are governed by California (not Wisconsin) law and each class member's consumer protection claim should be governed by the consumer protection laws of the jurisdiction in which they purchased the Products.

- 10. **Related Cases:** There are no related cases.
- 11. Relief: Plaintiffs seek both injunctive and monetary relief. Plaintiffs seek to enjoin Defendants from using the allegedly misleading marketing and labeling of the Products. Plaintiffs also seek return of the purchase price that they and other consumers paid for the Products.

Defendants do not presently claim any damages but reserve the right to seek reasonable attorneys' fees and costs at the appropriate time.

## Case 3:13-cv-03075-JSC Document 29 Filed 10/03/13 Page 7 of 7 1 11.) Defendants know of no interested entities other than the named parties in this action. Plaintiffs have not filed the "Certification of Interested Entities or Persons." 2 3 20. **Other Matters:** The parties do not wish to raise any other matters. 4 5 DATED: October 3, 2013 **REESE RICHMAN LLP** 6 By: /s/ Michael R. Reese Michael R. Reese 7 8 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 9 DATED: October 3, 2013 KING & SPALDING LLP By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/ Timothy T. Scott 10 TIMOTHY T. SCOTT 11 GEOFFREY M. EZGAR STEPHEN B. DEVEREAUX (pro hac vice) 12 MADISON H. KITCHENS (pro hac vice) 13 Attorneys for Defendants KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION; 14 KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLDWIDE, INC.; KIMBERLY-CLARK GLOBAL SALES, LLC 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28